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American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 156th Street,
New York City

Gentlemen:

You undoubtedly have occasion from time to time to reproduce coins in folders or booklets sent out to the public. Will you be good enough to tell me just what the laws are, governing the reproduction of coins or money of any kind.

I am anxious to use in one of our client's advertisements, a drawing which shows in the background some old English coins - Namely, George III 5 Guinea Pieces and George II 2 Guinea Pieces. These are ratherly sketchely done but nevertheless recognizable as old coins.

I believe there are laws forbidding the reproduction of modern coins or currency of any kind, but I do not know whether this applies to old coins or not.

I shall greatly appreciate any information you can give me bearing on this situation, or possibly you could tell me where I can get it.

Very truly yours,

C. D. Spalding

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June 21, 1927

C. D.Spalding, Esq.,
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247 Park Avenue,
New York City

Dear Sir:

Responding to your letter of June 17th, I believe a law which prohibits the reproduction of United States Coins would not in anywise be conflicted with by your desire to reproduce the English pieces you mention. The more so that reproduction would be an approximation rather than a facsimile. Of course, the intent of our law is to prevent counterfeiting. I feel sure there will be no difficulty in the case you cite.

Verytruly yours,

Secretary

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